



Resolution No. 2016R-235

City of Minneapolis

File No. 16-00773

**By Warsame, Reich, Gordon, Frey, B. Johnson, Yang, Goodman,
Glidden, Cano, Bender, Quincy, A. Johnson, and Palmisano**

Declaring the 1st of July "Somali American Day" in the City of Minneapolis.

Whereas, the independence day of Somalia is a national holiday observed annually in Somalia and the Diaspora worldwide on the 1st of July; and

Whereas, many Somali refugees and their families immigrated to the United States, and today Somali Americans are one of the fastest growing immigrant groups in Minneapolis; and

Whereas, like many immigrant groups before them, Somali Americans sought shelter in the United States to escape war and persecution, to find opportunities, and to better their lives and the lives of their children; and

Whereas, Somali Americans play an integral role in building a vibrant and diverse Minneapolis, contributing socially, culturally, politically, and economically to our city;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That the 1st of July every year be and hereby is declared "Somali American Day" in the City of Minneapolis. In making this declaration, the City recognizes and celebrates the history, culture, and contributions of Somali Americans in Minneapolis.

Be It Further Resolved that the 35W Bridge shall be lit light blue and white on July 1, 2016, in honor of Somali American Day.

Committee: NIA Public Hearing: NIA Publication: JUN 04 2016

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTE				
MEMBER	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
REICH	X			
GORDON	X			
FREY	X			
B. JOHNSON	X			
YANG	X			
WARSAME	X			
GOODMAN	X			
GLIDDEN	X			
CANO	X			
BENDER	X			
QUINCY	X			
A. JOHNSON	X			
PALMISANO	X			
DATE:	MAY 27 2016			

☒ APPROVED ☐ VETOED

[Signature]
MAYOR HODGES
MAY 31 2016
DATE

Certified an official action of the City Council
ATTEST:

[Signature]
CITY CLERK

Presented to the Mayor:	MAY 27 2016	Received from the Mayor:	JUN 01 2016
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